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BROMLEY, JOHN AND SONS,

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201-63 E. Leigh Ave., composing block bounded by Leigh Ave., E. Somerset, E. Gurney, and B Sts. Brick with granite trim and interior iron beams and columns, front building approx. 500' (fifty-eight bay front) x 55', W rear wing approx. 66' x 500', E wing approx. 66' x 300', one, four, five and six stories, gable roofs with clerestory sky-

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lights, bulbous mansard roof on center office building, projecting piers, turrets, rock-faced, arched entrance on center building; U-plan with buildings in courtyard. W wing and six buildings built 1886-87, probably by Walter H. Geissinger, architect; E wing and one building in courtyard built 1889-90, Geissinger and Hales, architects; center office building and one building in courtyard built 1891, Geissinger and Hales, architects; N end of W wing burned and replaced, front building connecting wings and office building built 1892, Walter H. Geissinger,

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architect; later additions and alterations made to buildings in courtyard. Notable late 19th c. industrial complex with massive elements. John Bromley and Sons was one of the country's largest manufacturers of carpets and rugs; now used for various manufacturing and wholesale purposes. 2 ext. photos (1973), 1 photocopy of 1902 architectural rendering.

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